



**Bozeman Farm in Elba** places in top 10 in Alabama's Farms of Distinction. Maxie, Kathy, Steven and Charles Bozeman's farm in the Curtis Community of Coffee County was recognized among the top 10 in the state. Awards were given on April 26, 1999 at the Wintry Hotel in Birmingham at the Alabama State Farm City Awards Banquet. Bozeman farm consists of cotton, corn, peanuts, and a 250 head brood cow herd. Of the 850 acres they farm, including some rented, much of this land is irrigated. Pictured left to right are: Charles Bishop-Commissioner of Agriculture, Kathy Bozeman, Max Bozeman, Jerry Knowles-APA President and Doug Rigney-State Farm/City Director.

**Christian Athletes at Elba High will sponsor "Stop the Violence" youth rally**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Elba High School will sponsor a "Let's Stop the Violence" Youth Rally on Saturday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium.

There will be lots of fun, entertainment, and fellowship. Christian a local gospel group will be performing, as well as, Elba High School students, Leah Mallory and Keisha Burks. The honored speaker will be Brian Payne, an Elba native and former University of Alabama football player from Nashville, Tenn. Other guest entertainment will be the First Assembly of God Drama Team.

A hamburger cookout will be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited, and please bring a canned food item to donate to a need family.

**Salvation Army Begins Oklahoma Tornado Relief**

Salvation Army personnel are serving meals and drinks to victims in areas devastated by tornadoes that struck the Tulsa and City area Monday and killed at least 45 people and injured hundreds in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Monetary donations are needed to help the needs of those whose lives have been destroyed. Donations marked "Disaster Relief" can be sent to The Salvation Army Oklahoma City Area Command, P.O. Box 25 516, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0516, or to your local Salvation Army, or P.O. Box 4857, Jackson, MS 39290-4857.

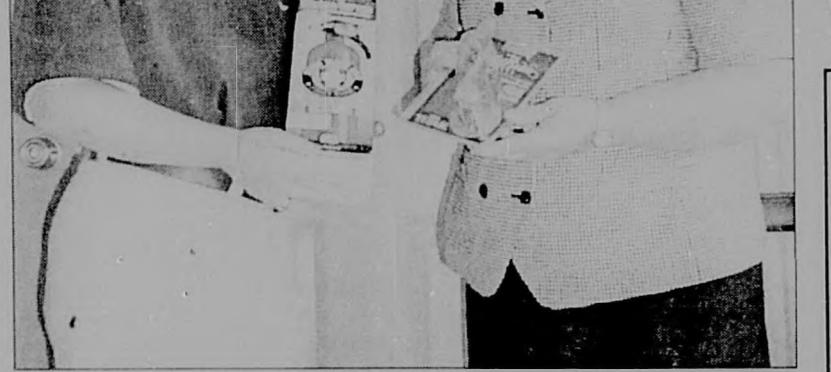


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**Connections for Independent Living Week** sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be observed May 1-8. The Elba AARP Chapter is highlighting simple home projects to help older people stay independent. An Independent Living exhibit staffed by AARP volunteers will be held at Windham Lumber Company on Thursday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., displaying products that can make a home safer and more comfortable for older persons, including instructions on how to build such items as a wheelchair ramp. A video will be shown throughout the day. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

For door prizes such as a home fire extinguisher and large American flag for outdoor display. SE Pharmaceuticals, next door to Windham Lumber, will have a display of items available for home use, including grab bars, walkers, chairs, etc. Pictured are Amy Rugg, an employee of Windham Lumber, and Nell Gilmer, president of Elba AARP, discussing items which will be on display next Thursday.

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### SouthTrust declares quarterly dividend

The Board of Directors of SouthTrust Corp. has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$2.22 per share. The dividend is payable July 1, 1999, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 28, 1999. The company's common stock trades on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

**Marines promote Fleming to rank of Corporal**

Marine Cpl. William C. Fleming, son of William R. and Martha B. Fleming of Brundidge, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion. Fleming, a 1998 graduate of Elba High School, joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.

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# The Elba Clipper

Elba BOE members briefed on emergency plans

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Thursday evening Elba school board members were given an informal discussion on what the local school system is doing to remain prepared for any foreseeable school related emergency involving students or staff members.

Superintendent Charles Pearce took considerable time after a long agenda of the regular monthly meeting to refresh board members on the existing policies and plans for dealing with all emergencies.

The superintendent reminded board members that the Elba plan already meets or exceeds all state department standards and has been used by several administrators as a model for creating a workable plan in other Alabama schools systems.

A Crisis Planning Team is in place for each Elba school, including the superintendent, law enforcement and court officials, emergency personnel, a school board member, school counselor, one student, one parent and community leaders. They held scheduled meetings and are available for special planning meetings if needed.

The Elba Emergency/Safety plan details the proper reaction to many emergencies, including auto or bus accidents, fire and severe weather, handling individuals with health emergencies (on and off campus), missing persons, unauthorized persons on campus, drug possession and/or use, bomb threats, hostage situations, assaults on students or staff, emergency communications equipment, and procedures for law enforcement. A 51 point check list, which must be submitted to the state department of education each year, shows the Elba school system has a documented plan to address the various problems addressed by the state checklist. The Elba campus graded positive on all 51 check points.

The plan is normally reviewed and updated each year in July, but discussions are sometimes held immediately following the recent events in Colorado, and other places, spotlighted some needed amendments and school administrators opted to review and submit minor revisions on the plan early.

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There are charged fire extinguishers throughout the building which are routinely checked by staff members. Panic bars on all outside doors are in full compliance with fire and safety codes. Fire drills are conducted regularly in the buildings and the results reviewed. Bus evacuation

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## LIFESTYLES



**Mr. & Mrs. Marler to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary**

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Marler cordially invite you to celebrate with them at their parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 23, 1999 from 2 o'clock until 3:30 in the afternoon at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast, located at 717 West Davis Street, in Elba. All relatives and friends are invited and your presence will be greatly appreciated.

**Herbert Barr, C.P.A. to be honored with retirement reception**

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement reception for Herbert A. Barr, C.P.A. on Thursday, May 20, 1999, from 2-4 p.m. at The Lobby at Rawls Hotel in Enterprise.

**7th annual New Hope School Reunion to be held May 29th**

The seventh annual New Hope School Reunion will be held Saturday, May 29, in the New Hope Masonic Well, just south of the crossing of Highway 2 and the Geneva-Westville Road in Holmes County, Fla.

Reunion activities begin at 10 a.m. with a covered dish luncheon at noon. Those attending are to bring food, tea and cold drinks. Paper plates, cups, napkins and forks are furnished.

The reunion is held on the last Saturday of May each year.

For more information, contact Hazel Maringer (850)956-2065; Cecil Motley (850)956-2507; or Roberta Capps (850)526-5635.

**Retired teachers to meet May 18**

The Association of Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet on Tuesday, May 18, at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise at 11 a.m. The program will be memorials and installation of new officers.

Hostesses for the occasion were Velma Moore, Henrietta Grimes, Carolyn Kelley, Myrna Cotton, Pauline Williams, and Barbara Smith.

Guests were then presented to the receiving line composed of Miss Mills, the honoree; Mrs. Linda Mills, mother of the honoree; and MaryAnn Vanlandingham, mother of the honoree.

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## Hayes-Davis wedding planned for July 17th in Troy



Mr. Davis & Miss Hayes

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. Alvin and Annie Bedsole of Kinston and the late J.B. and Margaret Alice Davis of Elba.

Mr. Davis is a 1989 graduate of Elba High School. He served a B.S. and M.S. degree in Early Childhood Education from Troy State University. She is currently employed by Troy Elementary School.

Miss Hayes is a 1989 graduate of Charles Henderson High School. She earned a B.S. and M.S. degree in Early Childhood Education from Troy State University. She is currently employed by Troy Elementary School.

The couple is looking forward to a wonderful opportunity for children. For more information, please call the church office at 897-2500.

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**Festival at the Well planned at Glenwood**



Friends and family of William and Mavis LeGear

The festival will begin at the northern section of town and will proceed to the festival site where the opening ceremony will be held. The day will be packed with plenty of fun and enjoyable activities for the entire family including entertainment, art's and craft's show, automobile show, and children's beauty pageant. The automobile show and the children's beauty pageant will have on-site registration, however, if any one would like to pre-register, contact Marie Faulk at 334-356-6470. Entertainment will consist of gospel, country, blue grass and folk music. Special guest appearance from Sam Morgan and the Waterboys from Gulf Port, Miss. The festival will conclude with an old-fashioned street dance with Patsalagi. There will be a \$2 admission charge from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and \$3 from 5 p.m. until conclusion. All proceeds from the festival goes toward Foundation's Scholarship Fund, Restoration Fund for The Flowing Well and Festival Site, and community projects.

Refreshments were served by Shea Ward from a table covered with a beautiful heavily embroidered cloth. He held a bouquet of spring flowers and silver appointments with delicious party dainties.

The guests were then invited to view the wide assortment of gifts on display throughout the Moore home.

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# SPORTS

Views from ....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Spring is now here, and for the girls at the Mularz house that means it is time to buy shorts, tank tops, tennis shoes and sandals that go along with the rest of the new cooler wardrobe. The shorts and tops cost about as much as jeans and other long pants, but at least the sandals and other tennis shoes aren't that high. It still amazes me that clothes never last from one year to the next, no matter what the size!

### ONCE OVER...NOTALWAYS SO LIGHTLY....

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers saw their softball season come to an end last week when they were eliminated from the Section Tournament. The Lady Tigers were forced to settle for a fourth place finish in the tourney after winning two games in four tries, and fell short for the second straight year of advancing to the Sub-State round. The Lady Tigers closed out their season with a 17-17 record, and while 34 games is a lot of games to play, the 17 wins fell far short of the number of wins the girls were hoping for. With one freshman, two sophomores and six juniors in the starting line-up, maybe next season will be the one in which the Lady Tigers break through and pile up the wins.

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers began spring football practice last week and early reports were that the number of players participating was up from years past, giving the Tiger fans hope that better days are indeed ahead. The abbreviated spring practice won't help a lot for either the coaches or players, but it will give everyone involved a chance to get to know each other and what to expect during the off-season. Hopefully a new spirit will emerge during the two weeks of work and will carry over through summer work-outs and into the season. Only time will tell.

\*\*\* The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks swept through three games without a loss last week to win the Class A, Section 2 Tournament. The Lady Gamecocks started off the season playing a lot of JV games, due to the youth and inexperience of the players, but the girls quickly grew up and last weekend all the hard work paid off. Good job girls, you should all be proud of your accomplishments.

\*\*\* I talked with Kinston's Amelia Rhodes last weekend and she assured me that she would return next season as the athletic director and girls coach at Kinston High School. Coach Rhodes did admit that she too had heard the rumors about her retirement, but said she would return and would be just as demanding as ever. Good news for the girls in Kinston, and bad news for her opponents.

\*\*\* The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its bulletin for March-April last week and while looking through the bulletin I noticed that while only three proposals were approved at the recent legislative meeting, a total of 11 proposals were approved by the member schools. It is the legislative council, and not the schools, that make the changes in the association guidelines. However, it now seems that the member schools are becoming more vocal, and feel there are many changes that should be addressed. A few of the proposals that were approved by the schools, but failed to get the final "OK" from the council included: Teams be allowed to play a four quarter jamboree in the fall, just as is permitted in the spring. Leaving the first and last weeks of football schedule open to allow scheduling rivalries, instead of regional games; To limit junior high and junior varsity basketball games that preclude girls or boys varsity games to six minutes per game; To allow fast-pitch softball teams to have twenty playing dates instead of twenty games; To allow seven-year-old graders at a minimum of high or middle school that feeds on to one high school to participate in junior varsity athletics at the high school. To name the starting dates back on week following the reclassification period in football, cross country, and swimming. That all private schools be exempt from playing for the public school state championships on the basis that those private schools have open enrollment policies and charge a tuition fee to attend their schools; That a payoff system be adopted statewide that would separate private and public schools; and, That legislation be passed by a 60 percent majority of Legislative Council and the representatives of each school district should be mandated to vote in the same proportion and their school districts. One change that was approved by the Council, which received no publicity, was that no major changes in the starting dates of sports would be approved without first approval by a vote of the schools.

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### End season with 17-17 record

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The Lady Tigers claimed wins over Luverne 7-6 and Cathoun 7-0, Capps fires 75 at Lagoon

### Elba golfers close out winning season on links

Following are highlights of the Elba High School golf team wrapped up a very busy season recently, and Coach Lynn Woods stated she was "proud of the team for their dedication and hard work."

"This year's team had a better scoring average than any team over the past five years," added Woods, "and did well through the season despite having four players in either the seventh or eighth grade. Mark Wicker was the lone senior grade. Mark was not only an excellent player, but a strong leader for the younger players on the team. Sophomore Clay Capps turned in some low scores during the season and was consistent no matter where he played, while Colby Capps was an amazing golfer as a seventh grader, and Derrick Thomas, Justin Allen and Bart Barnes all showed improvement throughout the season. If these younger players will remain dedicated and work hard, then Elba High should be a contender for a state title in just a few years."

### Elba to host girls softball tournaments on May 21-22

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host a "Youth Softball Tournament" on Friday and Saturday, May 21-22, at Hawkins Williams Park, in Elba, for all area girls softball teams.

The tournament will be for league teams only, and there will be no entry fee! Tournament divisions

To enter call 897-6833.

### Troy State to host summer baseball camps for youth

The Troy State University baseball camps will be as follows: Hitting Camp, June 20-22 and June 27-29, in Troy (ages 13-18); Hitting Camp, High School (ages 8-18); Pitcher/Catcher Camp, June 6, Dothan (ages 8-18); Hitting Camp, June 12, at Troy (ages 8-18); Pitcher/Catcher Camp, June 13,

Infor mation about any of these camps can call 334-670-3333.

### Strawder makes it two straight in SAS race action

By Mark Chism

Ronnie Strawder won the Sportsman Feature on Saturday, May 1, at the South Alabama Speedway, to claim his second straight checkerflag in the highly competitive class.

The previous week Strawder led flag-to-flag, but in his most recent win the crafty driver had to come from the #7 starting position and moved past car after car before moving into second place on lap #8. One lap later he moved inside leader Jim Walker on the backstretch turn three and then held off Heath Mills to take the win. Mills placed second, while Terry Daniels placed third, followed by Don Huff in fourth and Wayne Slawson fifth.

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## LIFESTYLES

Winners named in the Miss New Brockton Beauty Contests



THE 1999 MISS NEW BROCKTON pageant was held on April 24. Winners of the pageant were: (L to R) 1st Alternate and best portfolio - Emily Wise; Miss New Brockton and best interview - Crystal Burrows; 2nd Alternate and Miss Congeniality - Rachel Carroll.



THE 1999 JR. MISS NEW BROCKTON pageant was held on April 24. The new 1999 Jr. Miss New Brockton and alternates are: (L to R) 4th Alternate - Colette Newsom; 1st Alternate - Brittney Griswold; Jr. Miss New Brockton - Ashley Stuckey; 2nd Alternate - Haley Wise; and 3rd Alternate - Lori Wade.



THE 1999 TEEN MISS NEW BROCKTON and alternates were crowned during a pageant held on April 24. The new Teen Miss New Brockton and alternates are: (L to R) 4th Alternate - Chastity Wood; 2nd Alternate - Brittany Mobley; Teen Miss New Brockton - Holly Smith; and Alternates - Cody Walker, and 4th Alternate - Roni Knight.



THE 1999 YOUNG MISS NEW BROCKTON was crowned on April 24. Winners of the pageant were: (L to R) 4th Alternate - Chastity Wood; 2nd Alternate - Tori Stone; 1999 Young Miss New Brockton - Vanessa Stuckey; 1st Alternate - Angel Miller; and 3rd Alternate - Caileen White.



Adam Brookins receives scholarship

The Non Commissioned Officers (NCO) Wives Club of Fort Rucker recently presented Adam R. Brookins with a scholarship check for \$500. Brookins plans to attend Wallace College to pursue a career as a physical therapist in sports medicine. He is the son of SFC Thomas and Judy Mello.



DR. JACK HAWKINS JR., CHANCELLOR of Troy State University recently announced that Jessica Anderson of New Brockton is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award. This is a full academic scholarship that provides full tuition. She has also been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, as well as an All American Scholar. Jessica is the daughter of Phyllis Jackson of New Brockton and Ricky Anderson of Opp. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barnes of Kinston and Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Anderson of Opp.

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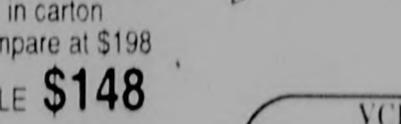
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BOARD APPROVES ALREADY TRIED EMERGENCY PLAN

## County BOE Okays building plans

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education's monthly meeting last Thursday focused on the construction of 12 new classrooms. Six of the classrooms will be built on the New Brockton Elementary School campus with the remaining six on the Zion Chapel campus.

Bill Wallace, an architect with the firm of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood Inc. of Montgomery, went over the preliminary plans for the new facilities with board members and gave them an estimated cost of construction of \$903,000 or between \$75,000 and \$76,000 per classroom.

Touring to others matters on the meeting agenda, the board heard requests from Rachel Bryan, representing Zion Chapel's FBIA (Future Business Leaders of America) Chapter and Marsha Martin, representing New Brockton's FBIA Chapter.

They both asked for financial assistance from the board in funding ZC's Parliamentary Procedure Team and NB's Paul McNamee (state winner in Computer Concepts) attendance to the National Conference in Chicago, IL, from June 28 to July 3. They will be in competition with other schools in the country system who have fallen behind in their studies and are considered to be at risk in dropping out of school. This will be offered at no cost to county students; however, others still in private school systems will be allowed to attend summer classes for a nominal fee providing there is room for them to do so.

To prior to adjourning, the board approved, after accepted, several resignations and voluntary transfers. Out-of-state travel was also granted to the fourth grade at New Brockton Elementary School. They will be going to the caverns in Marianna, Fla.

At the recommendation of Superintendent Rodger Bowden, the board approved the county school system's Emergency Management Plan which was presented to them at the last board

meeting for review.

"We've already had an occasion to use this Emergency Management Plan," said Bowden. "We didn't have it approved by you, but we did utilize it when we had our incident at two of our schools last week. We think it was very beneficial in the way things were handled."

Bowden was referring to the bomb threat received at both New Brockton and Zion Chapel high schools on Monday, May 3. Both facilities were evacuated at that time and procedures set forth in the plan were used as guidelines at that time.

The board approved the plan, and it will be submitted to the state (as required) for approval also.

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OPENS ELBA OFFICE FULLTIME...**...District Attorney Mark Fuller has announced that he has opened the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office located in the Elba Courthouse on a full-time basis. Recent years of cuts in the budgets and State debt reduction caused several cutbacks in the District attorney's office and included a reduction of office hours in Elba. Fuller was pleased that he was recently able to change the office hours in Elba to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. "This is something that I had planned to do back in October and November of last year but did not do because I didn't want it to be interpreted as a political ploy to get votes during an election year," Fuller said. He feels this change will make the office more accessible to all the people of Coffee County. Anyone finding themselves in need of assistance from the District Attorney's Office is encouraged to come by or call. The District Attorney's Office is primarily responsible for criminal prosecution; however, a worthless check program, child support enforcement program, and victims services are important programs administered by the District Attorney's Office. Other employees of the DA's Office will be rotating in all three offices - Elba, Troy and Enterprise - while Ms. Heidi Bowers will maintain full-time status in Elba. Pictured above posting new office hours are: Heidi Bowers and District Attorney Mark Fuller.

## Fuller appoints new assistant DA

The District Attorney's Office for the 12th Judicial Circuit has added a new member to its staff.

District Attorney Mark Fuller announced last week the appointment of Marty Weatherford Williams as an Assistant District Attorney.

In making the announcement, Fuller said he was very impressed with Ms. Williams and that she was attending the University of Alabama Law School.

She finished in the upper twenty-five percent of her law class and served as an intern with the District Attorney's office between her junior and senior year.

Fuller stated that he is looking forward to Ms. Williams joining the District attorney's staff and that she will be a true asset.

Ms. Williams graduated Magna Cum Laude in undergraduate school at the U of A and was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration.

She is currently engaged in the practice of law with her father, James Weatherford, and plans to continue working in the practice while serving as an Assistant District Attorney in a part-time

capacity.

Ms. Williams is married to Brent Williams, and they reside in Enterprise where they are members of the First Baptist Church.